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Department plans make following announcement January 9:

"Mr. Sterling J. Cottrell has been appointed as Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs.

"Mr. Cottrell ~~has~~ also has been designated by the Secretary to serve as Coordinator of Cuban Affairs. In this position, he will serve as the focal point for the development, coordination, recommendation and execution of US policies with respect to Cuba. Other government agencies will designate appropriate officers to work with the Coordinator in the discharge of his responsibilities.

"Mr. Robert Hurwitch, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, has been designated Deputy Coordinator."

FYI. Order improve procedures within government for obtaining policy guidance re Cuba and at same time insure coordinated execution US Cuba policy, President has approved establishment within Department Office Coordinator of Cuban Affairs. Coordinator will also act as Chairman Interdepartmental Committee on Cuba, composed representatives DOD and CIA. Other US agencies will be brought in as appropriate.

These

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ARA-Mr. Cottrell (in draft)

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These organizational arrangements place in Department (under President and Secretary) responsibility for policy recommendation or determination as appropriate and control and coordination of operational activities with respect to Cuba. End FYI.

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